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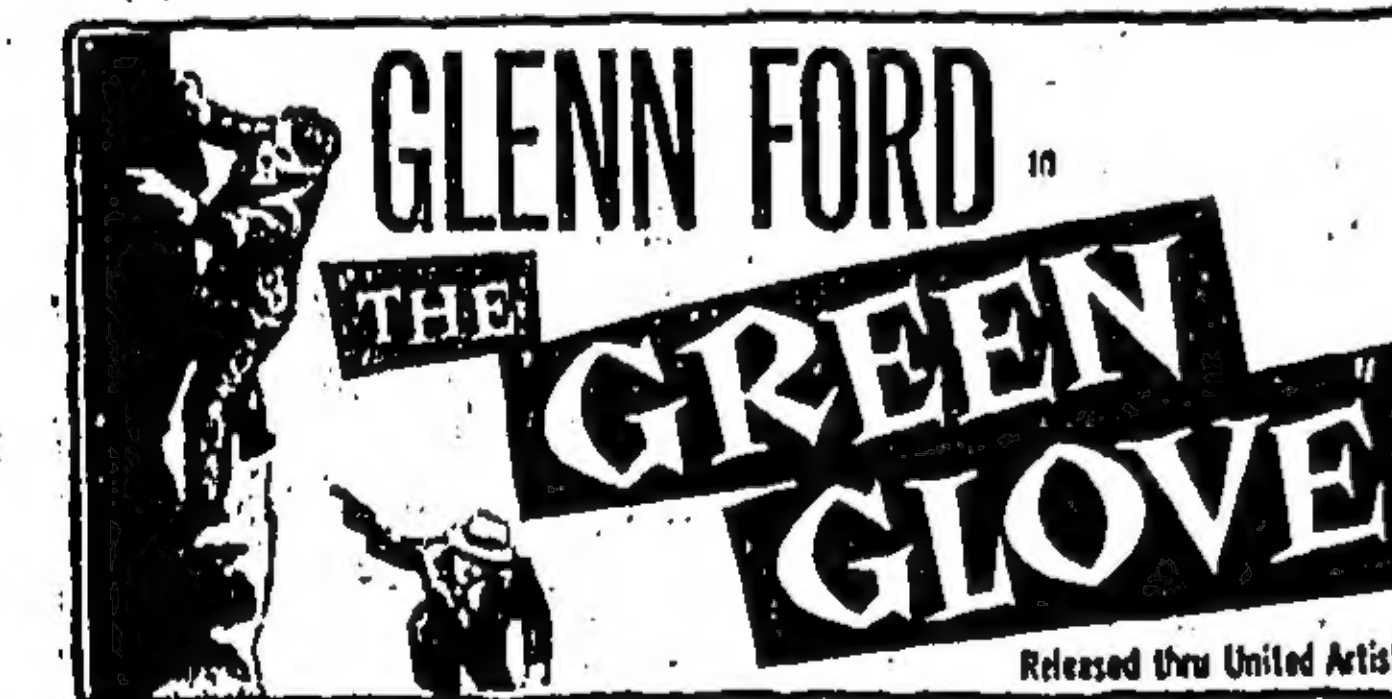


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## WESTERN WORLD'S FIRST DUTY

De Gaulle On Necessity Of Approach To The Soviet Leaders

## Gruber Memoirs Cause Furore In Vienna Politics

Vienna, Nov. 12.

The leaders of the Populist Party have asked the Austrian Foreign Minister, Dr Karl Gruber, to resign his post, reliable sources said.

This followed a report earlier today in the Catholic weekly Die Furche that Dr Gruber would very soon leave his position. Die Furche has strong affiliations with the Populist Party.

Dr Gruber's recent memoirs have caused strong political reactions. His revelations were said to have embarrassed his own

Party, the Populists, by charges that certain members carried on secret negotiations with the Communist Party.

Die Furche said: "Dr Gruber is tired of his post. This is not very far from the truth. What is incomprehensible is the circumstances surrounding his departure. He has published a book of memoirs. But what one knows as Foreign Minister is not personal property which can be freely disposed of."

Julius Raab, the Populist leader, has publicly stated that the facts in Dr Gruber's book were inaccurate, casting doubt on prominent Government and party leaders and giving the Socialist Party material for propaganda.

In his book, Dr Gruber said that in 1947, the leaders of his party, and in particular the Chancellor of the time, Leopold Figl and the present head of the Government, Chancellor Julius Raab, had carried on for a long time secret negotiations with the Communist Party for the exclusion of the Socialist Ministers from the Government, and the setting up of a Populist-Communist Cabinet.

## MEETS DENIAL

This has been denied by all the parties concerned, including the Communists.

Dr Gruber also said in his book that since 1952, a defeatist tendency had grown up in the Populist Party, ready to concede to the dictates of Moscow, and to practise a neutral policy.

Dr Gruber's memoirs were published not only in book form, but also as a serial in one of the big independent Austrian daily newspapers. They resulted in a furore.

The Populist Party last week appointed a five-member committee to "settle the question of Dr Gruber's book".

However, following yesterday's meeting, it has been widely rumoured that Dr Gruber would be replaced as Foreign Minister by Leopold Figl. The executive committee of the Populists' Federation, which Dr Gruber represents in the present Government, will meet on Friday.

Dr Figl is also an important leader in this group, and observers thought that the meeting might have the dual purpose of confirming Dr Gruber's departure and approving Dr Figl as his successor.—France-Press.

## Negotiations In Manila

Manila, Nov. 12.

Japanese and Filipino businessmen are negotiating the establishment of a 4,000,000 peso (2,000,000 dollar or £715,000 sterling) galvanised iron plant in Manila.

Martiniano Abad, president of the Association of Philippine Traders with Japan, who recently returned from a visit to Tokyo, said that Japanese interests were willing to lend machinery and cash for the erection of the mill.

A Japanese representative would visit the Philippines shortly to inspect a suitable site and discuss details.

The plant is expected when completed to produce daily about 50 tons of galvanised iron sheets.—China Mail Special.

## General's Slashing Attack On European Army Plan

Paris, Nov. 12.

General Charles de Gaulle demanded today that France should be the nation to explore the possibilities of an agreement between the West and Russia.

In his first major policy declaration since January, the leader of the Rally of the French People said it was the first duty of the Western world to see whether an arrangement was possible with the Soviet world.

He added that France was particularly well-qualified to explore such possibilities through diplomatic channels.

In a press conference attended by 300 journalists, Party observers and Government officials, the General outlined the European Defence Community (EDC) as a "monstrous" and expressed his surprise that Great Britain was urging France to join and abandon her sovereignty, while Britain herself had not the slightest intention of doing so.

He was applauded at this. In the statement which he read, he severely criticised the strategic plans of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation which, he claimed, was unduly dominated by America.

He insisted Germany could only remain within a confederation of European nations, including Britain.

In Indo-China, France must go on fighting since she was at the heart of exploration of peace possibilities was an international question, he said.

NOT A PARTNER

This was interpreted as meaning that General de Gaulle opposed any French move directly to connect Vietnam with Indo-China.

He said that France's membership in the EDC would separate her from North Africa, which might provide opportunities there for Britain.

General de Gaulle said the North Atlantic Pact must be revised to give each member and France in particular, more control over strategy.

At present France was not a partner, but a protégé of an American protector who was not even promising to protect France, he said.

The General described the EDC as "a monstrous" and a Frankenstein being pushed forward in devious ways by technocracy.

AT U.S. DISPOSAL

It would be a soul-less Army without a country, at the entire disposal of America, the General said.

It was true some Frenchmen advocated it with ardour, but these acted out of a cowardly belief that they were getting rid of a burden too heavy for their shoulders—the burden of French independence.

Expressing the hope that the treaty would not be ratified by the French Parliament, General de Gaulle said: "Here is a man who deeply divides France, which deprives her of her sovereignty, which compels her to surrender her children to an organisation which will defend a cause which might not be her own."

General de Gaulle recalled that military leaders, Parliament and public opinion in France had not been consulted, and that the negotiators of the Bonn and Paris treaties had tried to place France in front of a fait accompli.

A small group of "experts" and military leaders, he added, "were locked in a room, and nominated as 'experts'."

"MONSTROUS" TREATY

The General, dressed in a dark blue suit, seemed to be in good health, and was smiling as he started his press conference. Many leaders of his Rally of the French People and ex-de Gaulle deputies were present along with several hundred French and foreign journalists.

General de Gaulle began, by recalling the state of affairs in France and in the world when he was in power after the war, and stressed that France was then allied to the Soviet Union as well as with the Western powers.

He advocated an "association of nations within a confederation"

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## TONKIN LEADERS' DECISION

Saigon, Nov. 12.

Tonkin leaders, who introduced the resolution passed recently by the Vietnamese National Congress calling for Vietnam withdrawal from the French Union, now appear, after weeks of discussions, to have agreed on a minimum programme and provisions for achieving this withdrawal.

It is believed that the programme has the twofold aim of assumption of power in Vietnam and the promotion of a series of domestic reforms, among which will be the convening of the National Assembly and the drafting of a new constitution.

It was understood that Nguyen Huu Tri, Governor of North Vietnam, might be put forward as a candidate for the Premiership.

The Governor, who is one of the leaders of the KAI Party, has obtained the support of representatives of the main North Vietnam political groups, but has met with strong opposition from southerners, who are solidly against the assumption of power by a northerner.

In any case, Premier Nguyen van Tam has been faced with a delicate situation but, if it came to a showdown with the northerners led by Nguyen Huu Tri, there is little doubt that the Premier would get the support of many southern personalities, and even those opposing him in the south might rally to his side against the Governor of North Vietnam.—France-Press.

## Textile Record

Osaka, Nov. 12.

Japanese cotton mills set a new post-war record of 201,481 bales in October in cotton yarn production, the Japanese Cotton Spinners Association announced today.

The previous record was 200,328 bales in September. Production of cotton textiles fell off, however, declining to 88,000,553 square yards, 978,519 yards below the September level.

Of the total spindleage available in October, 94.9 per cent or 7,184,000, was actually moving.—United Press.

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# Israel Puts Forward Suggestion For Talks

## Brussels Security Measures

Brussels, Nov. 12. Belgium's Defence Minister, Colonel B. E. M. De Greef, told Parliament today that to prevent the resurgence of German militarism, the 12 West German divisions in the European Army would have to be dispersed as far as possible.

In this way, he added, German troops might be stationed on Belgian soil.

Groups of demonstrators assembled outside Parliament House before the Foreign Minister, M. Paul Van Zeeland, and the Defence Minister spoke in support of the Government Bill for ratification of the European Defence Community (EDC) treaty which was presented to Parliament today.

Extra security precautions were taken due to the demonstrators.

M. Van Zeeland said the possibility of easing East-West tensions were better now than they had been for many years, despite ever-present threats of aggression.

He told the Lower House: "Let us not have any illusion; however, if we need an object lesson to guard against wishful thinking, the latest Russian note provided it."

He described the present world situation as "fluid" and containing "possibilities" that did not exist before.

**BRITAIN'S ROLE**

Apart from the EDC Bill, the House is to debate Bills on additional protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty for mutual assistance between NATO nations and EDC States, and a Bill for ratification of the treaty between Britain and the EDC countries, signed in Paris in May 1952.

Referring to a provision of the Anglo-European treaty, in which a British Minister would attend all discussions of the six-country "C.E.C." of common interest to Britain and the EDC, M. Van Zeeland said: "I have great difficulty in seeing a single matter of importance to the Atlantic powers that would not equally affect Britain and the EDC."

He asked the House to remember the heavy price the world had paid for its "failure to resolve the German problem after, and even before, the first world war."

"Now we have before us the possibility of a practical and concrete solution to which the Germans seem to have given their whole-hearted support," he said.

The House will continue the debate next week.—Reuter.

# With Jordan U.N. POSSIBLE SITE FOR CONFERENCE

New York, Nov. 12. Israel today proposed that senior political and military representatives of Israel and Jordan meet at the United Nations Headquarters in New York to discuss armistice problems and especially the prevention of border incidents.

The proposal was made by Mr Abba Eban, the Israeli delegate, in a speech to the Security Council.

Mr Eban said that he was empowered, with the assistance of senior political and military advisers to represent Israel in such talks.

Instructions to Mr Eban to make the offer were contained in a special cable which he received from the Israeli Government early today.

He said that while Israel's main objective was progress by negotiation towards permanent peace, it was urgently necessary in the meantime to improve the current operation of the Israel-Jordan armistice agreements.

Mr Eban added that the presence of Jordanian representatives at the United Nations Headquarters for the present Security Council debate, as well as Major-General Vaghi Ben-Nuri, Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation, made it an appropriate place to hold talks with Jordan.

Mr Eban told the Security Council that the tensions on Israel's frontier were due to "an unexamined policy" of political, economic and military "siege" conducted by the Arab States.

Mr Eban said: "The attacks on Israel's life, property and communities under cover of armistice agreements are purposeful and deliberate."

"They lead inevitably to counter-actions, some of which, such as the Qibya incident, cause a loss of innocent life which Israel deeply regrets and unreservedly deplores."

**PROFOUND REGRET**

Mr Eban was giving Israel's side of the border situation with her Arab neighbours, which was brought up by the Council in the light of the incident on October 14 at Qibya, the Jordan village, where an estimated 42 inhabitants were killed.

Mr Eban asked the Security Council to call upon the Arab States to negotiate direct with Israel with a view to the replacement of armistice agreements by final peace settlements.

In the Qibya incident in particular, Mr Eban said that the mood and background for the incident could only be understood in the light of the atmosphere in which Israel's hard struggle for security and peace was conducted.

In instructing me to portray this background as fully as possible, the Government of Israel directs me, nevertheless, to say that it regards the loss of innocent life at Qibya with profound and unreserved regret," he added.

This was the most unfortunate explosion of post-war feeling and a tragic breakdown of restraint after the provocation of brutal attacks such as the cold-blooded murder of a mother and her children in their sleep.—Reuter.

## REGENCY PROPOSAL WITHDRAWN

London, Nov. 12. Mr Patrick Gordon-Walker, former Labour Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, made a clause which the bill making the Duke of Edinburgh Regent was debated in detail in the House of Commons today.

The bill was given a third reading unopposed and new goes to the House of Lords.

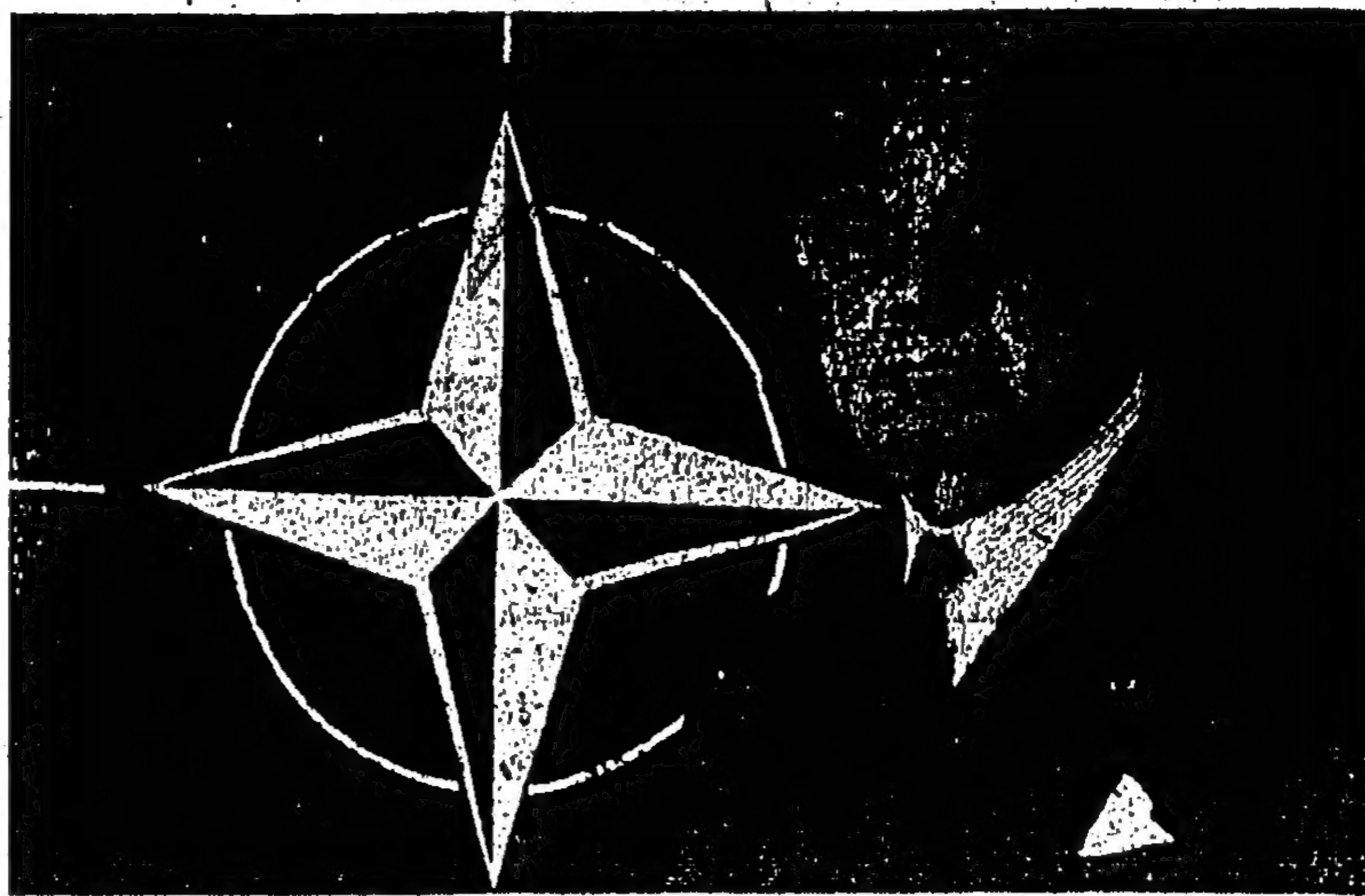
The clause which was later withdrawn would make it possible for Britain to have a Governor-General when the Queen was abroad in the same way as other Commonwealth countries.

His clause read: "That any reference in this Act or the Regency Acts of 1937 and 1943 to persons to whom Royal functions may be delegated as Counsellors of State shall be construed in such a way as not to exclude on such persons."

Mr Gordon-Walker said: "I am trying in this clause to ensure that this bill shall not put a statutory bar in the way of appointing a single person or a Governor-General here in the absence of State in such a way that it would require a new Act in future."

He suggested it might be left open whether the Queen would appoint a single Governor-General or a number of Counsellors of State in such a way that the Queen would have the power to appoint a single Governor if so advised by her Ministers.—China Mail Special.

## Emblem Of The Atlantic Alliance



Lord Ismay, Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, shown with the design for the official N.A.T.O. flag and emblem. He explained that the symbolism of the flag might be described as "a four-pointed star representing the compass that keeps us on the right road, the path of peace, and a circle representing the unity that brings together the 14 countries of N.A.T.O." The emblem is white on a navy blue background—now the official colours of the Atlantic Alliance.—Express Photo.

## British Farmers Approve New Marketing Plan

London, Nov. 12. Farmers and meat traders widely welcomed the plans of the Government for agricultural price supports and the marketing of farm produce when all rationing and food control ends next Summer. Success for the scheme would be a distinct political success for Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill's Government.

British farmers, like those in the United States, France and other countries, have been distinctly nervous about what would happen to their long guaranteed prices once the Government finally stops bulk buying and selling of food. The final controls will end next Summer.

The Government announced its plans for dealing with the situation in a White Paper. It provided for a new and unique system of price supports, which already has been applied to cereals for next year, to be applied to livestock.

The proposals for the marketing of livestock, however, were the one thing that drew the fire of farmers. They were, on the other hand, praised by meat traders.

For years the Government has bought and sold all meat, paying farmers prices set in advance each year. Now the proposals are to give the farmers the choice of selling their meat on the open market as before the war or through a voluntary marketing board which would buy and sell all meat. And many farmers do not like to return to the auction market, even with price guarantees.

**SHORT-TERM**

The Government made it clear that the scheme, as announced, was intended to meet the immediate situation following decontrol and would be modified in the light of experience.

The three farmers' unions of Britain—the National Farmers' Union, the Scottish National Farmers' Union—and the Northern Ireland Farmers' Union—stated that the arrangements outlined in the White Paper contained many provisions which the industry welcomed.

But they reiterated their "strong objections" to the livestock auction system.

The farmers have been pressing for the creation of producers' marketing boards only to develop the voluntary marketing of livestock, either on a live-weight or on a grade and dead-weight basis.

In its White Paper the Government stated that such boards could not be operated immediately but they would consider them at a later date.

**VEWS ACCEPTED**

A. J. Jackson, Secretary of the National Federation of meat traders, which represents most of Britain's butchers, said, "It appears that the policy and views which we have put forward from the meat side of the industry have been largely accepted by the Government."

In announcing its new plans for marketing agricultural produce, the Government revealed that Britain is now producing 81 per cent more food than before the war and is now feeding half the population from the products of Britain's soil instead of only about one-third. The present Government's policy is to raise this to 80 per cent.

Under the Government's plan for marketing meat there will be a produce marketing board for fatstock which will operate in competition with the livestock auction system.

From next Summer the farmer will be free to sell his cattle, sheep and pork pigs to anybody and to get the highest price he can.

The farmer will have a two-fold guarantee on prices. If he sells by auction and gets less than the guaranteed individual price for a fat animal, then the Government will pay him enough to bring what he gets up to that price. The guaranteed price will be fixed in the Spring on a sliding scale, so that the price of the market will be the difference between the price of the individual price guarantee. This guarantee will safeguard the meat producer against a poor market if it is due to the change of the market rather than to the inferior quality of his product.

The collective guarantee will assure stability and a fair level of return to the industry as a whole.

## Conscription To Be Debated In Commons

London, Nov. 12. The duration of military service of conscripts in Britain will be debated on Monday upon the request of the Opposition, Captain Harry Crookshank, Leader of the House of Commons, announced today.

Following the meeting of the Parliamentary Labour group today, it was learned that the Opposition intended to ask that the law on conscription be extended for one year instead of five.

The Opposition wants the duration of military service to be re-examined by the House, and to be reduced from two years to 18 months as soon as possible.—France-Press.

## Pakistan Appeal To The Powers Urgent Necessity Of Disarmament

New York, Nov. 12. Pakistan today made an urgent plea in the United Nations Political Committee for the great powers to get together and reach agreement between themselves over disarmament to remove the threat of war.

Any scheme for disarmament, regardless of its merit, was foredoomed to failure in the absence of such agreement, the Pakistan delegate, Mr Raza Piracha, said.

He recalled that some positive results had been achieved as a result of informal meetings between the four great powers proposed by Pakistan, Syria and Iraq in 1951.

"We have no intention to press this suggestion and would be content to see the great powers meet together in private talks, leaving it to them to determine the manner and timing," Mr Piracha added.

He admitted to "a sense of disappointment, not frustration, at the bleak record" of the Disarmament Commission.

Though Pakistan thought the Commission should continue its work, he added, "for the time being, the field of disarmament, the restoration of a cordial political climate is of primary importance."

M. A. M. Buraqovskiy of the Ukraine blamed the Anglo-American group for the failure to agree on disarmament and declared that "United States policy is directed with finality the United States aim at wrecking any disarmament."

M. Vladimir Popovic, of Yugoslavia, said it was imperative for the smaller powers to play a part in solving the disarmament deadlock.—Reuter.

## POWs Handed Over

Berlin, Nov. 12. Nine French prisoners of war, captured by Soviet troops in the last war, were handed over to the French authorities here today by the Soviet authorities, French officials said.—Reuter.

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# SOUTH AFRICA MAKES REPLY TO CHARGES IN U.N.

## Status Of S.W. Territory

New York, Nov. 12. South Africa today replied to the charges made in the 60-nation Trusteeship Committee of the General Assembly that she had incorporated the territory of Southwest Africa.

Winding up the week-long general debate on the international status of the former German colony, Mr G. P. Jooste, leader of the South African delegation, spoke first of the Soviet Union's accusation about "the growing assertions of South Africa in her endeavour to absorb the rest of the African continent."

"This is indeed a most cynical statement coming as it does from the representative of Soviet Russia," said Mr Jooste.

"I believe I do not have to demonstrate this."

A number of delegations had pointed to the representation granted to Southwest Africa in the Union Parliament as evidence of annexation.

"Changes that South Africa has virtually incorporated or annexed the territory of South Africa are nothing new," said Mr Jooste.

"The question of representation of Southwest Africa in the Union Parliament was first considered as far back as 1934 and the League's Mandates Commission was duly apprised at the time of my Government's intentions in this regard."

"What is more, had it not been for certain subsequent developments, there is little doubt that those intentions would have been implemented."

**1948 RESOLUTION**

In 1948 and 1947, the South African delegation had referred specifically in the United Nations to the proposed grant of Parliamentary representation to the territory.

The General Assembly took note in a resolution in 1948 that that representation did not constitute a violation of the provision of the mandate.

In fact, a Russian proposal in 1949 that South Africa's law for the association of South Africa with South Africa constituted a violation of the Charter was defeated as was a similar proposal in 1950.

"Surely the rejection of these proposals should fully have disposed of the allegations of incorporation or annexation which were again made during the course of our present debate," said Mr Jooste.

The mandate for Southwest Africa provided that "the mandatory power shall have full power of administration and legislation over the territory as an integral portion of the Union of South Africa, and may apply the laws of the Union."

**DEPARTURE IS POSTPONED**

London, Nov. 12. Mr Koshiro Asakai, retiring Japanese Minister in London, has postponed his departure for Tokyo from November 19 until some time next month, an Embassy spokesman said today.

Mr Asakai is exchanging posts with Mr T. Oda, Director of the Economic Department of the Japanese Foreign Ministry.

Mr Oda is expected here early next year. Mr Asakai has been here since August 30, 1951.—China Mail Special.

## TO-MORROW'S CHINA MAIL

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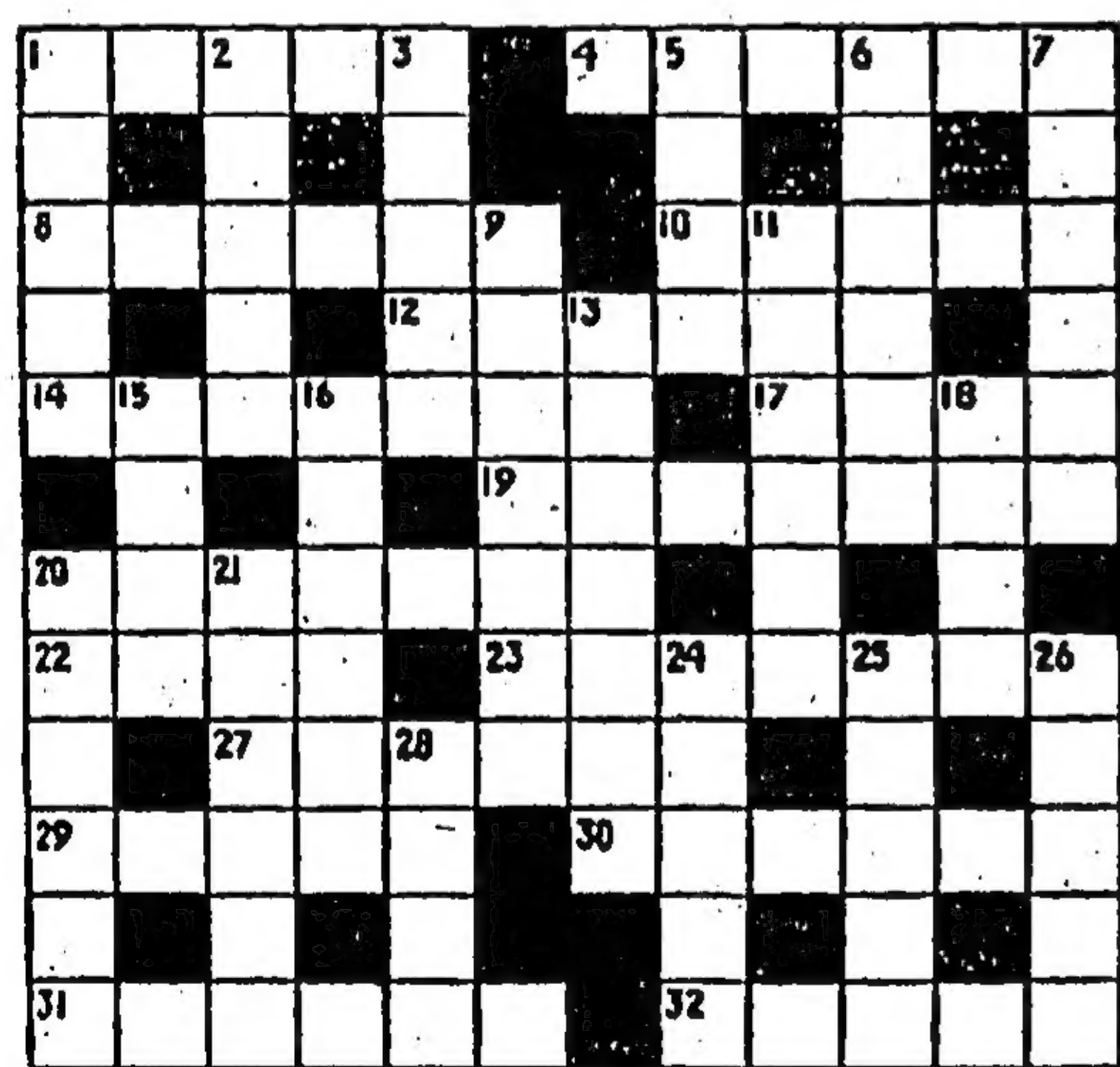


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- 8 Make beloved (6).
- 10 On the move (6).
- 12 Fit of rage (6).
- 14 Go before (7).
- 17 Book (4).
- 19 Flustered (7).
- 20 Alms high (7).
- 22 Plant (4).
- 23 Parts of garments (7).
- 27 Bell (2).
- 29 Corpulent (5).
- 30 Unmarried (6).
- 31 Famous Venice bridge (6).
- 32 Entertain (5).

### DOWN

- 1 Inexpensive (5).
- 2 Confuse (5).
- 3 Condition (5).
- 5 Bound (4).
- 6 Motor spirit (6).
- 7 Merited (6).
- 9 Reparation (7).
- 11 Pay up (6).
- 13 Allment (7).
- 15 Flower (4).
- 16 Solds (4).
- 18 Lake (4).
- 20 Protective covering (6).
- 21 Foreign coin (6).
- 24 Proclamation (5).
- 25 Fashion (5).
- 26 Arcana (5).
- 28 Tidy (4).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD:** Across: 3 Swallows, 11 Oven, 9 Reassigned, 11 Scimitar, 13 Orion, 15 Reprised, 18 Denizens, 19 Orbs, 21 Manicure, 25 Bracelet, 26 Aged, 27 Treatise. Down: 1 Doss, 2 Levi, 4 Whet, 5 Lair, 6 Owner, 7 Sedan, 9 Rigid, 10 Satan, 12 Cheer, 14 Inner, 16 Sepal, 17 Limit, 19 Orbit, 20 Drive, 21 Melt, 22 Nowe, 23 Urge, 24 Eddy.



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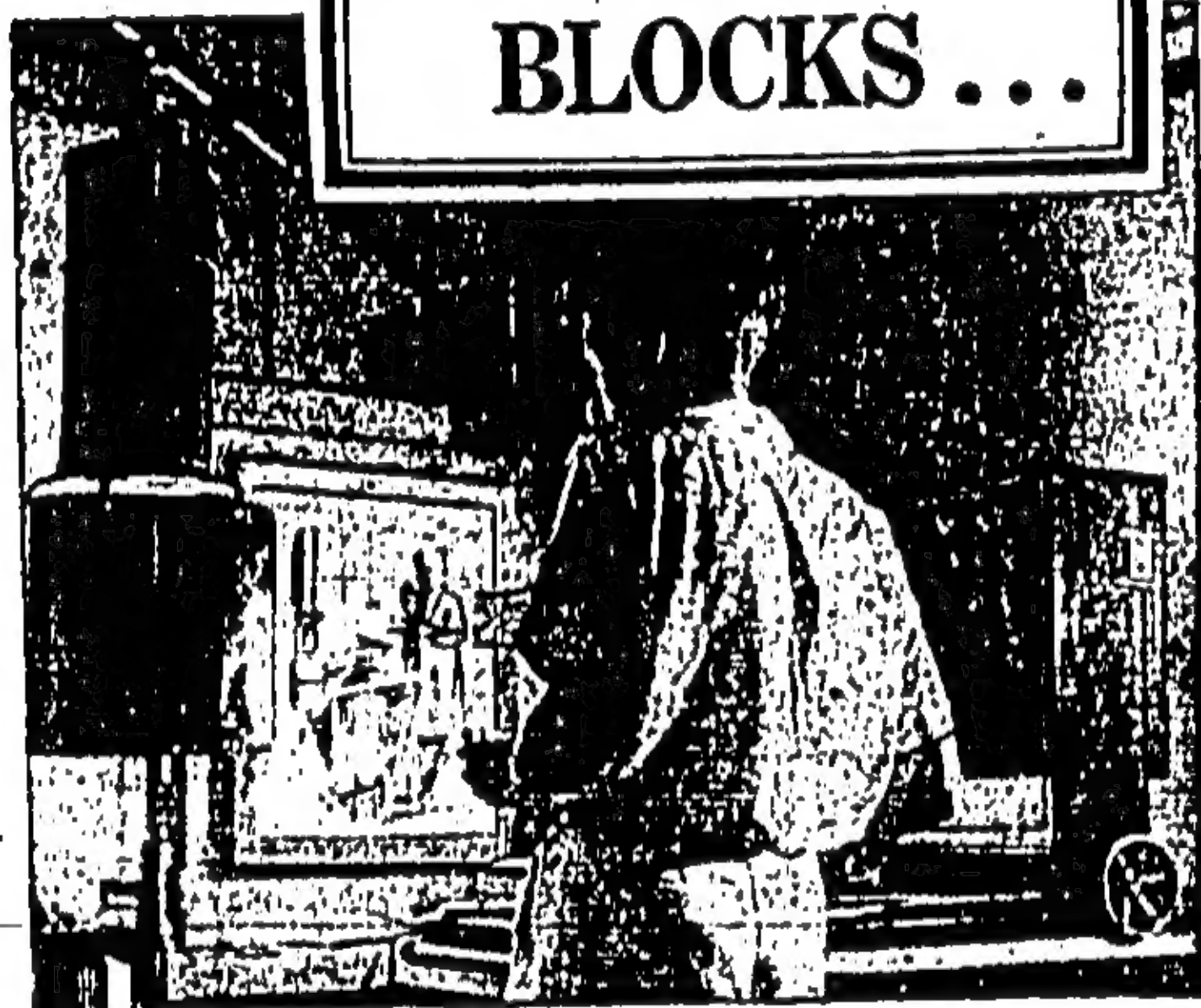


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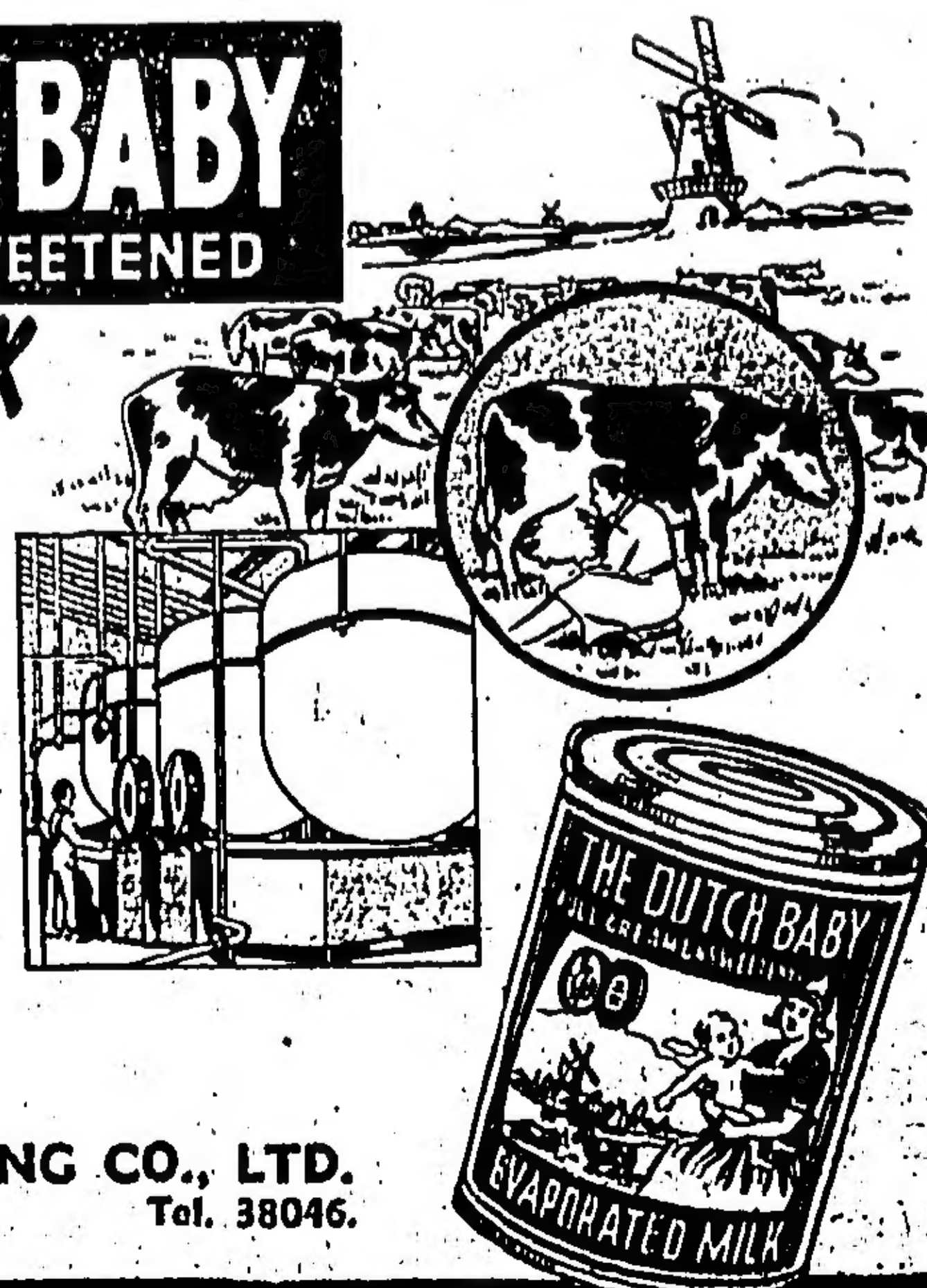
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## But always there has been DIANA, DIANA....



From the 'twenties to the 'thirties—Lady Diana spans a political age.

**DONALD EDGAR charts the career of a man who wanted to be Premier**

**T**his is the story of a man who wanted to be Prime Minister, get within striking distance of the post—and then failed.

So it is inevitable that there is an atmosphere of failure about Duff Cooper's autobiography. Yet on the face of it his is quite a success story. The surgeon's son made good. Married the beautiful Lady Diana Manners, daughter of the Duke of Rutland. Became a Cabinet Minister. The friend of the great, Ambassador to France. Ending his career as Lord Norwiche, Pleasant consolation prizes—but still, for Duff Cooper, just consolation prizes. He had planned to be a Tory Prime Minister—no less.

He had a lot in his favour. He had been to Eton, Oxford, and served in the Guards. He was handsome, clever, and a good speaker. His private means were small—a few hundreds a year—but his wife earned money on the stage to enable him to resign from the Foreign Office staff and get a start in politics. At first all went well. He got into the Commons, did well as a junior Minister, lost his seat in '29, but should have earned the undying gratitude of Baldwin when in 1931 he won St George's, Westminster against an Independent Tory....

### His reward

**T**HERE was so much Tory discontent with Baldwin that, if the Independent Tory had won, Baldwin would have gone. Baldwin did reward him. Duff Cooper entered the Cabinet as War Minister. He was 45. His salary was £5,000. Then Chamberlain became Premier. Duff Cooper had never got on well with him. But Chamberlain did not sack him. He gave him the Admiralty. Then came Munich. Duff Cooper resigned. He went into the wilderness to join Churchill and Eden. But Duff Cooper never got back into the green pastures of power. Churchill—firmed his Government in 1940 he gave Duff Cooper—almost apologetically—the Information Ministry. The next year he was given a vague job in the Far East, based on Singapore. In '43 Eden gave him the task of acting as ambassador to the Free French in Algiers. He went on to Paris. It was all over. The plan had failed. He was 54.

### No toughness

**H**OW did the plan miscarry? Duff Cooper gives two reasons. In 1938—before he resigned—he wrote in his diary: "I have always wanted to be Prime Minister. I want to be

so no longer.... F. S. Oliver says that the great statesman must have a passion for power. I don't think I have any desire for it."

In other words, he lacked toughness. And to be Premier you have to be tough.

Duff Cooper's other reason for his failure is—bad luck.

Soon after he had been first elected to the House of Commons, at the Foreign Office became vacant. He did not get it.

"Had the decision gone the other way," writes Duff Cooper now, "to me in fact would have fallen the opportunity that fell to Anthony Eden."

### On the inside

**D**OES the failure still hurt? There is a certain falseness about the contentment that Duff Cooper expresses.

There is an air of premature serenity even about the title of the book—**OLD MEN FORGET**. After all he is only 63—an age these days when a politician is often just nearing the prize of the highest office.

But there is no doubt he enjoys his wine, his food, his travels, his books, his writing.

And he has been one of the ruling classes on the inside of all the main events of his lifetime.

And then there is his wife Diana. She appears on every other page. The lovely Diana whom he won in spite of dual disapproval.

Diana—earning money writing articles for Lord Beaverbrook. Diana the film star. Diana winning international fame in "The Miracle." Diana the sister of his schemes. Diana his companion on many a risky wartime flight. Diana.... Diana.... Diana.... The book even starts with a poem to her:—

"Though since we married thirty years  
And four have flown away,  
As bright your beauty still appears  
As on our wedding day."

Together they know everyone, and the anecdotes are the best part of the book. Here they are in their bed-sitting room in Arlington Street just after the first war, entertaining Lord Beaverbrook and Churchill. There had been a cold dinner. There had been a cold between Lord Beaverbrook and Churchill. There was said to have been an argument in Paris when Churchill said: "The Press is easier squashed than squared."

After the dinner Duff Cooper notes in his diary: "They ended perfectly good friends." Here are both Edward VIII—the Duke of Windsor—and George VI. Duff Cooper says that Edward hoped we should be able to come to terms with the Nazis. And George supported the Munich agreement.

### Luxury travel

**W**HEN war came the Duff Coopers were still on the inside of everything. They travel to Marrakesh in Winston's private York.... It is a most luxurious machine, and as soon as we went on board the steward offered us champagne cocktails, which were not refused. "Clemmie—Mrs Churchill—and Sarah Churchill met us." "Clemmie" had been giving Winston a curtain lecture on the importance of not quarrelling with de Gaulle. "He had grumbled at the time," reports Duff Cooper. "But she thought it would bear fruit." That is the first evidence I have seen of "Clemmie's" political influence!

De Gaulle was coming to lunch with Churchill. Relations between them were very difficult. Lord Beaverbrook was also there.

It must have been a sticky affair.... "The conversation lasted about two hours. Winston was admirable; I thought, and

de Gaulle very difficult and unhelpful. He talked as though he were Stalin and Roosevelt combined."

And so on into the postwar world.... Duff Cooper now writes long reports and letters to Ernest Bevin, who seems to have failed to reply to any of them.... Bevin having a row with Molotov who "spoke regretfully of Anthony Eden."

Duff Cooper spending the night at Chequers with the Attlee.... "I found the Prime Minister, Mrs Attlee, their pretty daughter, the two Bevin.... all in evening dress. I had at the last moment.... decided to bring mine."

It was the only night he ever spent at Chequers. I would like to know what Duff Cooper, the man who wanted to be Tory Prime Minister, thought as he looked round the official country home of a Socialist Prime Minister. Still, there were in evening dress. That must have been quite a consolation.

## New Phase In A Never-ending War:

# NAVARRE SEIZES THE INITIATIVE

By JAMES WICKENDEN

**S**AIGON. NAPALM billowed gasps of flame on green jungle beneath the whining swoop of grey planes from the French fleet. Standing in ranks on the verges of Colonial Route No. 1 running south from the Tongkin delta, high-pointed guns recoiled, reloaded and recoiled again in incessant ear-cracking roars.

Advancing tanks rumbled a bass accompaniment to the high chatter of machine-guns vibrating in the hands of sweating gunners.

Under a lowering murky sky the black columns of an army tramped on, sharp-eyed, eager, in Navarre's first great assault against the Communist Vietminh. It was the most massive blow of the eight-year-old Indo-China war.

This offensive to the south was as cunningly sprung as any in the struggle. An eye-catching display, it bids to renew faith in French ability to beat the Communists.

Preparations began a month previously in the frozen French-held triangle of rice-lands round Hanoi, when French Union troops methodically sought out Communist nests, killing 800 insurgents.

**One Dawn**  
**O**NCE Navarre knew his rear areas were secure, he began hoarding the enemy's. He ordered steady air strafing of supply routes, and then 40 picked Thai and Mao tribesmen of a parachute commando were given uncompromising orders.

One dawn in the first week of October they dropped near the terminus of the long railway running in from Yunnan's plains to Laos in Indo-China, where China hands over supplies to her Vietminh "puppets."

The small band attacked quickly, their figures fleeing swiftly among the trees in taut well-trained tactics. They were repulsed with the same skill by regular Vietminh troops, ready for such an "eventuality" since Navarre's commando raids in July.

They attacked again the same day, and blew up several dumps. That evening a communiqué said the mission had been successfully completed, and then a clamp was put on all news from Indo-China.

The operation appeared to be over. The Communists counted over their stores and relaxed.

Then the commandos struck again in a deep rain-dripping ravine.

They killed the guards almost to a man and blew up a 300-yard concrete bridge. The ruse had worked, and Navarre, had cut the only Communist supply route round his perimeter from the northeast.

On the other side to the south, workshops of the French took station in the muddy shoal waters near the island of Hon Me, 30 miles off the port of Samson.

### Their Plan

**T**HEIR plan was to intercept the junks bringing supplies from Communist China's dumps on Hainan Island, further east.

By mid-October Navarre was ready.

French-American agreement for an extra \$385 million for the war had been signed at the end of September.

Nine extra French battalions were under orders to reinforce him from Germany, France and Korea.

Negotiations with the three Associated States to settle their relationships with the French were under way, and, finally, the Communist supply routes had been cut.

Only the negotiations betrayed a suspicion of difficulty. Nevertheless, the two-pronged attack went in; one thrust along the coastal road, the other coming in from the sea.

The object was destruction of the crack 320th and the 304th Vietminh Divisions, centres of their supply dumps at Phatdiem and Thanhao, near the coast, a 93-mile distant threat to Hanoi.

### Empty Town

**B**EWEEN flooded ricefields the columns probed forward, climbing the delta under prodigious air and artillery support. The heavy sky broke into hammering rain and the sea rose choppy, tossing the landing craft that swept in from the fleet to the beaches.

A week after the first barrage the leading troops descended on the pillbox defences of Phu Nho Quan, Communist regional headquarters, 43 miles north of their objectives round Thanhao. The town was empty.

Only three hundred or so Vietminh had been counted, mostly in small scattered outlying posts.

The suspicion grows. Have the best part of 10,000 organised

It seems likely that Vietnam will be satisfied with similar concessions.

The political problems which threatened to break up the tenuous harmony of the French Union and bring down a French government in Paris have faded in a matter of three weeks.

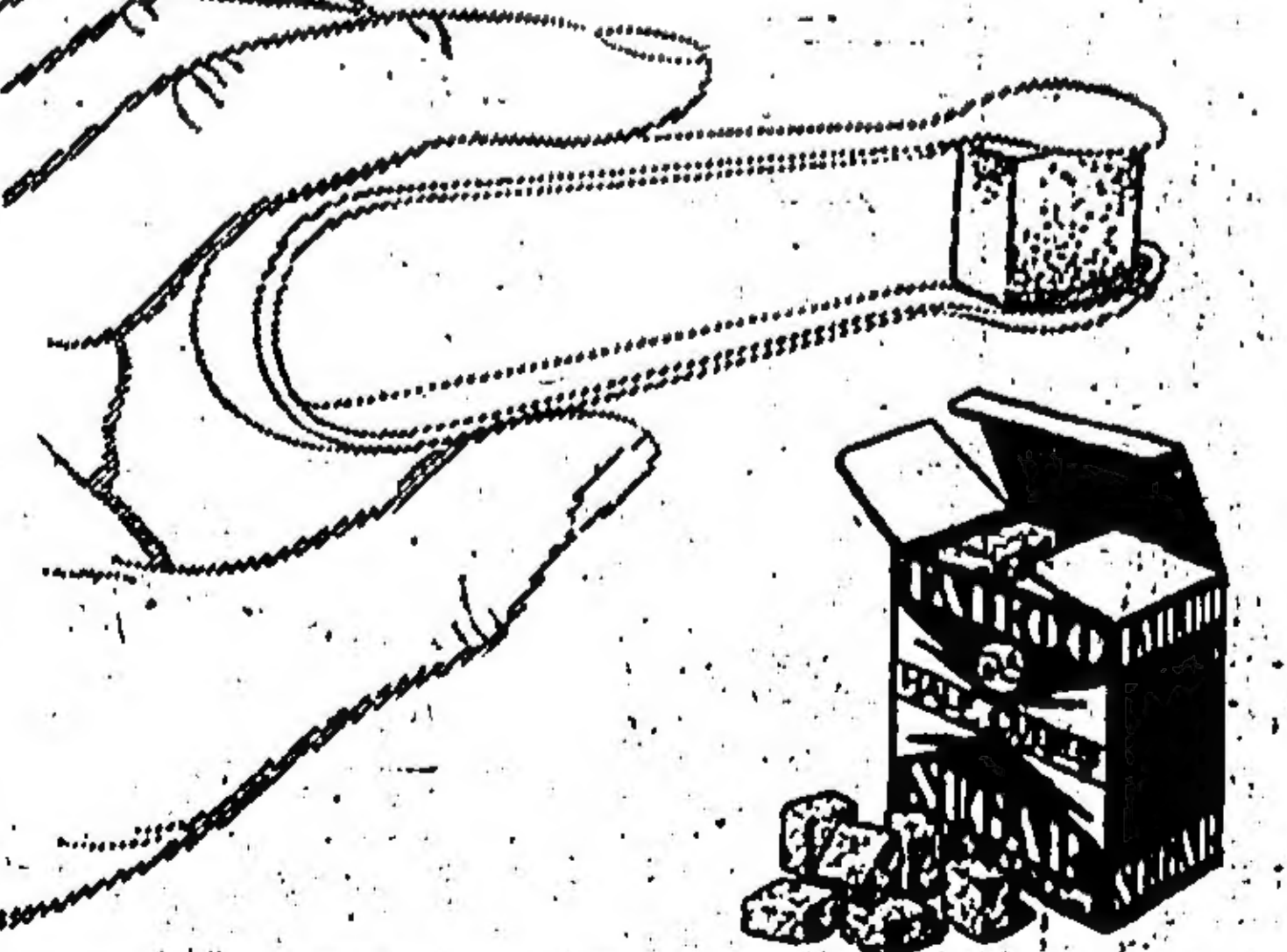
### His Task

**F**ACES have been saved, and the limelight pours an exclusive, embarrassing beam on the military conduct of the war. The assault is only half through, and it will be some weeks yet before General Navarre can assess its success—or failure.

So far the indications of a striking victory have been absent, and far to the north of the advancing columns looms the threat of a Vietminh counter-attack by the two divisions deployed there.

But at least Navarre can congratulate himself on having seized the initiative in the campaign. His task is to retain it.

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## A HEAD AND A BALL



Rens (Orient centre forward) heads the ball off the foot of Dovry (Exeter centre half).

## SPORTS SURVEY

# This Bully Beef Tin Is A Prized Trophy

By "ALL-ROUNDER"

Amateur racing cyclist Brian Haskell, of Henley, near Huddersfield, who has represented both Great Britain and England in international events, has won sufficient prizes to cover two sideboards. One of them he intends to win outright in the least pretentious of all his handsome trophies—a preserved Army bully beef tin.

A soldier in the Middle East interested in running cycle races amongst the lads out there cleaned and chromium plated this bully beef can, turned it upside down, mounted it and put it up for competition as the "Bully Beef Trophy". The event was a howling success.

Eventually it was taken to Britain, and now it is put up for annual competition among the famous Bully Beef Wheelers, men who served in the Middle East at any time between 1939 and 1951.

Brian, who is aged 24, won this trophy in 1950 and again in 1952 and is preparing for an all-out effort to retain it in this year's competition. After winning the Holme Valley Wheelers' Club Championship in 1947, Brian became a soldier and served with the REME in the Middle East where he won many Erec's cycling events.

He cycles on average about 300 miles a week, which is fine training for one who likes to enter for anything from a 440 yards track race to events lasting for days, like the Tour of Belgium.

**COME ON, SIR GORDON**  
It looks like another Jockey Championship year for Sir Gordon Richards, who has only once been beaten since the Championship in the last 22 years, and that was in 1941, when Harry Wragg was the leader with 11.

It was, however, the season when Sir Gordon was out of the saddle for a long spell through injury. He is now well on the way to his 13th double century, and both Davy Smith and "Manny" Mercer, the nearest challengers, have passed the hundred mark.

One of the most exciting finishes to the Championship was in 1923, when "Steve" Donaghue dead-headed with Charlie Elliott for the title. Each rode 89 winners.

The other occasion when Gordon Richards was virtually "pipped on the post" for the Championship was in 1930. After being Champion for the three previous years, he was beaten by Freddie Fox, who had ridden 120 winners against Gordon's one less.

In the last century, there were dead-heat for the Championship in successive years, one jockey, C. Maidment, being concerned in both. In 1870, he shared the title with W. Gray, and the following year, dead-headed with the great George Fordham.

**STILL PLAYING**  
New President of West Yorkshire Golfing Alliance, which has grown in membership to 55 during the 28 years of its existence, is Mr. Reg Lewis, the Crutcher (Leeds) professional, who at one time in his career was told he would never be able to swing a club again.

Mr. Lewis fractured his pelvis in a wartime jeep accident in Burma, and although one leg is now two inches shorter than the other, he is still playing and coaching as much as ever.

Mr. Lewis has been professional at Garforth for 25 years. Previously he had been there three years as assistant to his father.

Earlier this year, the club held a series of competitions to mark his jubilee. In 1949, he won the Yorkshire Professional four-man competition, in partnership with Ron Weldon, of Bradley Hall, in a field that included all the county's leading players. Mr. Lewis has been elected an honorary life member of the club.

**TWO MATCHES IN A DAY**  
Two matches in a day is enough for any man, two in national competitions within 24 hours is a soccer-rare. But it happens.

ed to Tony Leake, goalkeeper of the Worcester League club at Arburyton.

Tony, recently signed amateur for Wolves, helped them beat Stoke City 7-0 in an FA Youth Challenge Cup at Molineux the other Saturday morning and in the afternoon he dashed over to Bourneville and played for Worcestershire in their 2-2 draw with Birmingham County FA in the FA County Youth Championship. He has also been chosen for Worcestershire senior side against Shropshire.

**TOO FAR FROM HOME**  
A Birmingham angling club secretary wrote to the well-known Fish Inn, Walsford, near Birmingham, asking to rent a stretch of water. He received in reply a letter from the Old White Horse Inn, Wexford, Eire, saying the host there would be glad to oblige. A venue nearer home is being arranged.

**THESE COX'S WERE PIPPINS**  
Four Cox's played in the Stratford-on-Avon Hospital Cup-tie between Alcester Town and Charlton Swifts. Bill, Cyril and George were full back, half back and forward respectively. Alcester ended each scored a goal. This despite good work in the Swifts' goal by Alec.

**BI PENALTY KICKS—TWO MISSES**  
Jack Livesey, penalty kick of Wigan Athletic in the Lancashire Combination has taken 81 spot kicks for the club in the many seasons he has played for them—and missed only twice.

**CRICKET AT WEMBLEY**  
Plans have been discussed between Arthur Mailey, the former Australian Test Match bowler, and the Wembley Stadium authorities for staging a first-class cricket match there for the first time next summer. It is almost certain to take place so keen is Mr. Arthur Mailey on Mr. Mailey's idea.

**MAN OF MANY PARTS**  
Denis Herod, Stockport County's goalkeeper, is a man of many parts. He operates a vegetable delivery service to greengrocers in the "Back Country" of Staffordshire, acts as salesman to a firm of mixed concrete manufacturers and is more than a useful motor mechanic. A county cricketer too, Herod, although a goalkeeper, also has the distinction of having scored a League goal for Stoke City when he was injured and on the wing.

**300 SCHOOLBOYS IN FAVOUR**  
Good news for 300 Derby schoolboys is that the County Cricket Club is not only going to give them free admission tickets next summer when they will obtain special leave from school, but also they will be allowed to interview and discuss tactics with sporting captains.

**RECORD OF LONG SERVICE**  
Few clubs can point to more faithful service from players than Rotherham United. Wing half Jack Edwards has just played his 350th game for the club, forward Danny Williams has just reached 400 appearances, and recently full back Jack Sedlak also attained the 350th mark.

**HALL OF MEMORIES**  
For the first time since the first World War the Long Room at Lord's is to be the scene of a dinner. The MCC will entertain Sir Fohn Warr there on his 80th birthday and, during the evening, will be players who

accompanied skipper "Plum" on the Australian tour 42 years ago—Sir Jack Hobbs, George Gunn, Herbert Studdick, Frank Woolley, Bill Hitch, Jack Hearn and Sydney Barnes among them.

**ROTHERHAM'S POST-WAR RECORD**  
Rotherham United, the only club of the 92 League sides to have passed the 600 goals mark since the last war—and are, in fact, 79 goals ahead of the second side—082 to Rotherham; 583 to Arsenal. Rotherham have also obtained 408 points since the war with Chester United second with 373.

**DOHERTY WANTS A REFORM**  
Peter Doherty, classic footballer, Irish team manager and Doncaster Rovers manager, would like to see a free kick substituted for the throw-in in football. He considers it would improve the game because it would be a deterrent to aimless kicking out. After all, a ball put out over the back line by a defender produces a corner kick.

**THE KELLY'S WERE NOT FEUDING**  
It was no family feud when the Kellys turned out in a recent Handsworth (Birmingham) League match. Jack was playing for California United and Oliver, Mickey and Andy for Shamrock Rovers, and the Rovers won 3-1. In the same district Wollaston Victorians won their Brerley Hill League game against Wollaston by 22-1 and the centre-forward got a dozen of the goals!

**NO SUBSTITUTES WANTED**  
Because the Home International Championship is a qualifying event for the World Cup held under FIFA rules, England, Ireland and Scotland and Wales, according to the letter of the law, could bring on substitutes during their matches—with each other this season. But they are not going to. Scotland, in fact, took only one reserve to Belfast—to save expense?

**A FIERY FINISH**  
Most exciting thing about the West Midlands Alliance (Birmingham) game between Wellingham Amateur and Allen Cross Reserves was when fire broke out in the pavilion. Ten minutes play was left. The referee stopped the game so that clothes and personal belongings could be rescued from the burning building, and then the match was resumed. Considerable damage was done.

## Swedes Land

Twenty-four members of the Swedish Djurgardens Boldklub Soccer Team arrived here this morning on a specially chartered CAT plane from Bangkok.

The team is led by Mr. Wolf Leyhertz.

The Swedes will play a match tomorrow against All-Hongkong. On Sunday, they will play against the Hongkong Selection. Their third match, which will be against the Combined Chinese, will take place on Tuesday.

Another well-known member of the team, John Bricksen, will be arriving shortly.

The team was met at the Airport by members of the Hong Kong Football Association.

# HOW IT TOOK 10 YEARS TO MAKE "THE ROBE"

By CLEMENT JONES

Only about eight weeks were required for the actual filming of "The Robe" in 20th Century-Fox's new CinemaScope process, but so far as the producer, Frank Ross, is concerned, the picture was 10 years in the making.

Ross, an independent producer, read the first half of the manuscript of the novel by the late Lloyd Douglas in 1942 and immediately offered \$100,000 for the screen rights.

## Acc Shuttler Arrives In Colony

Acc shuttler Wong Peng-soon who has already defied the Malayan Badminton Association in his bid to make an official return to his native country as the first Chinese world champion arrived in Hong-kong yesterday by air accompanied by three other players, Cheong Hock-long, Lim Koon-yam and Abdullah Piruz and team manager Mr. Kang Soon-heng.

The team will remain in Hongkong for a few days and leave for Taiwan on November 16.

Asked to comment on the warning issued him and the other visiting players by the B.A.M. President that their badminton careers would come to an end if they insisted on leaving Malaya for the Taiwan games, Wong said that the warning has no bearing on him and the other players and only serves to show the kind of attitude that the B.A.M. is adopting towards Malayan players.

**ALREADY RESIGNED**  
He said that all the visiting players have already resigned from their former clubs which were affiliated to the B.A.M. and since the Mayflower Badminton Club under whose banner they are travelling is not affiliated to the B.A.M. he held that he and his team-mates are no longer under the jurisdiction of the B.A.M.

"They can bar us from taking part in the Malayan Championships or in international tournaments in which Malaya takes part but we are not interested in participating in these," he remarked.

Wong disclosed that before he left Malaya he showed all the files of the correspondence between the team and the B.A.M. to press representatives. As a result of the unbaring of the true facts of the case, he said that there is a loud cry by the sports public against the action of the B.A.M.

**ORIGINAL APPLICATION**  
His application, he said, was originally forwarded to the B.A.M. through the Johore Badminton Association on October 5.

They were then members of the Companion Badminton Party of Johore.

This application was not forwarded to the B.A.M. until October 20. On October 27 the B.A.M. asked for further particulars which were already contained in the application.

No answer was received from them until November 3 and the team decided to cable to the B.A.M. for a 'yes' or 'no' answer as the time was drawing short.

They waited for three days but still received no answer.

**NO REPLY**  
As they had to make the necessary preparations to leave for Taiwan, they resigned from Companion Badminton Party and withdrew the application that they would travel under the banner of Mayflower Badminton Party. On November 8 they received a reply from the B.A.M. dated November 4 saying that the B.A.M. had no objection to their trip under three conditions, two of which are that they submit an audited account to the B.A.M. on their return.

Wong concluded by saying that he would like to repudiate in certain quarters that he and his team-mates are deriving financial gains from the trip.

"What we get are five return tickets to and from Taiwan," he said, "and whatever board Olympic Council is giving us in Taiwan. Even our stay in Hongkong is made at our own expense."

"I lost no time in getting writers to work on an adaptation," Ross explained on his trip to New York for the world premiere of "The Robe" at the RKO Theatre.

"The film was to have been made in association with RKO, but there were a number of delays which I never fully understood."

**A SURPRISE**  
Ross, of course, was producing other pictures as the years passed, but he was always trying to get "The Robe" before the cameras. The matter was tied up in court proceedings involving RKO for several years.

Then, with something like \$800,000 already spent on the property, Ross finally made a deal in May, 1952 with 20th Century-Fox. Filming was scheduled for that October.

"About a day before the cameras were to turn," Ross said, "I went out for a last look at the sets. I was surprised to see some cameras and crew men around. I found out they were making some test shots in the CinemaScope process, of which I had never heard."

Almost overnight the company had decided it ought to get into the wide-screen field. Darryl Zanuck and I looked at the test shots and he asked me if I wanted to take the chance. I was very excited about what I had seen but I was scared, too. However, I went along with it and I'm very happy about the result.

"There may have been some rhyme and reason behind that 10-year wait after all, although at the time I certainly didn't appreciate the trouble that caused the delay."

**WELL REWARDED**  
The inmates of California State Prison, Folsom, were well supplied with smokes after the filming there of Walter Wanger's production of "Riot in Cell Block 11."

Summy Gordon, Allied Artists prop man, left for distribution 300,000 cigarettes, many boxes of cigars, hundreds of candy bars and a lot of cookies.

Also left behind, in rubbish cans, were a large number of guns, hammers and pieces of gas pipe—all made of rubber—and dozens of billy clubs fashioned from feather-weight balis wood.

These "weapons" were used by the Hollywood actors and the cost players who were recruited from off-duty guards, state police and volunteer trustees.

**TWO NEW PLAYERS**  
"We worked for a month to prepare the stuff that was destroyed in a few hours in those riot scenes," Gordon said. "But that's the way it goes in a show like this."

Gordon said the riot scene came off very smoothly despite the fact that almost half the "convicts" actually were inmates and the rest guards or officers.

"Some of those rubber gas pipes could have done some damage had the boys put enough strength behind them, but everyone was very careful."

Two comparatively unknown young actors should attain prominence through this picture. They are Neville Brand, America's fourth most-decorated soldier in World War II, who has appeared in 13 pictures, and Leo Gordon, who appeared on the stage in London and New York in "Mr. Roberts."

**CHALLENGER**  
Gene Kelly and Fred Astaire may have to share some of their dancing honours with a new dancer. His name—and this may come as a surprise—is Danny Kaye.

The inimitable comedian and singer who has been entertaining the public all these years is revealing a new phase of his versatility with his dancing. A lot of people famous in the dance world claim the red-top can hold it right along with the best of them.

Choreographer Michael Kidd is one of them. Kidd, who staged the dances for "Can-Can," "Guys and Dolls" and "Band Wagon," said Kaye, with six months of formal training, could become one of the great serious dancers of our time.

"Kidd already a great dancer," Kidd added, "with hardly any formal training. With just a little teaching he would be magnificent."

In Paramount's musical, "White Christmas," Kaye will dance more in the Irving Berlin musical than he has ever done before on the screen. Under the supervision of Robert Alton, he already is making preparations for the strenuous numbers he must do.

**TWO OPINIONS**  
The glib comic has won praise for his dancing potentialities from experts in all phases of the dance business. While playing at the Palace in New York he frequently joined in a fast-stepping tap routine with the Dunhills, one of the fastest tap-dancing teams. The Dunhills were unanimous in praise of Kaye's dancing ability.

At the other end of the dance pendulum, Diana Adams, ballerina with the New York City Centre Ballet, recently danced a comic ballet with Kaye in "Knock On Wood."

"He learned a difficult pas de deux in less time than most of the top male ballet dancers in America could have learned it," enthused Diana. "He is tremendously strong for one so slender and amazingly light on his feet. I think he could join the New York City Ballet today and be a hit!"—United Press.

## Royal H.K. Defence Force Orders

Serial No. 45 Orders By Colonel T. H. CBE, ED, Commandant, Royal Hongkong Defence Force. Dated November 10, 1953.

Checking of Arms, Major K.M.A. Barnett, ED, is directed to carry out a check of Force HQ arms at HQ Armoury on the week ending November 22, 1953.

**Force Headquarters**  
Int Unit, Reconnaissance Platoon—Thursday, November 19, 1953. OC: Major H.K. Barnett, ED. Dated: 19.11.53. Tpt will leave MFG 3.30 p.m. Artillery Battery, 7th (Hunnery) November 19, 1953. Dated: 19.11.53. Tpt will leave MFG 3.30 p.m. Dated: 19.11.53. Dressed in plain clothes, C & R Tpt—Monday November 16, 1953. Parade SOC 5.30 p.m. Dressed in plain clothes. Tuesday November 17, 1953. Parade 11.30 a.m. Dressed as detailed.

**Hunnery Regiment**  
Orders for next week's parades will be issued separately.

**Force Christmas Cards**  
Christmas Cards are available on application to the Administrative Officer. Price 20 cents each. Specimen copy can be seen on the notice board at HQ RHD. 10 Mile Road Race, The Hongkong Amateur Athletic Association are holding their 10 mile Road Race on Sunday, November 22, 1953. Any one or team wishing to enter apply to H.Q. for further information.

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"ANTIOCHUS"	Liverpool & Glasgow	13th Dec.	14th Dec.	

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Ship	From	To	Arrives	Departs
"MENTOR"	Liverpool	Sailed	11th Nov.	17th Nov.
"PATROCLUS"	do	Sailed	24th Nov.	30th Nov.
"ANTIOCHUS"	do	do	30th Nov.	6th Dec.
"CYCLOPS"	do	do	6th Dec.	13th Dec.
"AUTOLYCUS"	do	do	13th Dec.	20th Dec.
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Sails	Nov. 20	for Pusan, Kobe & Yokohama.

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Hongkong, November 13, 1953.

## Britain To Review War Crime Cases

London, Nov. 12. Britain has promised to review her sentences on 100 Japanese war criminals, Mr. Yutaka Tsuchida, Tokyo's special envoy on war criminals, said today.

Mr. Tsuchida made the statement after ending his talks with the Foreign Office.

Mr. Tsuchida, Chairman of the Japanese National Offenders Exemption and Rehabilitation Commission, said the British authorities were now examining each case individually to see whether the criminal could either be released or his sentence reduced.

The United States Government had also agreed to do likewise in the cases of sentences passed by American courts, he added.

The 100 criminals are "B" and "C" class prisoners, sentenced for war crimes and crimes against humanity. Some of them are serving life sentences and other sentences ranging up to 20 years.

Mr. Tsuchida said he was extremely satisfied with the progress of his talks with British officials. — China Mail Special.

### SMOOTHING OUT TRADE PROBLEMS

Washington, Nov. 12. President Eisenhower announced today that the United States and Canada were setting up a joint committee to smooth out trade and other economic problems between the two countries.

Members of the group, to be known formally as the United States-Canadian Committee on Trade and Economic Affairs, will be of Cabinet rank.

President Eisenhower said the Committee would meet at least once a year alternately in Washington and Ottawa to consider "broad questions affecting the harmonious economic relations of the two countries."

Creation of the Board was first suggested by the Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. Louis St. Laurent, during a visit to Washington last May.

It would parallel on economic matters the joint Defence Board which supervises co-operation between the two countries on defence matters. — Reuters.

### British Mission To Make Tour

London, Nov. 12. A British trade mission will leave on Saturday for a tour of the Middle East, during which it will explore the possibilities of markets expanding under the influence of rising oil revenues.

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	sails 7th Dec.	for Singapore, Rangoon & Calcutta
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	sails 8th Dec.	for Singapore, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta

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### Two Family Celebrations For Queen

London, Nov. 12. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh have two important family "dates" before they leave for their tour of Australia and New Zealand on November 23—their son, Prince Charles' fifth birthday is on Saturday, November 14, and their sixth wedding anniversary is on November 20.

Prince Charles will have a big party. The Palace chef has baked and iced a sponge cake.

How the Queen and the Duke will celebrate their wedding anniversary is still a Palace secret. Last year they went with a party to a theatre.

The Duke gave his wife a gold and diamond bracelet carrying the initials E and P entwined and surrounded by lovers' knots—the Duke's design.

When the Queen and the Duke take off from London Airport on the first leg of their Royal tour to Jamaica—in the British Overseas Airways Corporation's Strato-cruiser, Canopus, nearly 30 other people including one Australian will be on board.

The Australian is the Duke's Private Secretary, Lieutenant-Commander Michael Parker. — China Mail Special.

### WINTER HITS TOKYO

Tokyo, Nov. 12. Ice today formed for the first time this winter in Tokyo as the mercury in the early morning dropped to 38.12 degrees F.

The temperature was some six degrees lower than usual at this time.

The weather bureau said the freezing weather was brought about by an area of high pressure which descended over the Kanto district from the Chinese continent. — China Mail Special.

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## Geoff Duke Signs Contract In Italy



Geoffrey Duke, Britain's motorcycle ace, signs a contract with the Moto Gileva company at their works at Arcore, near Milan, Italy.—Express Service.

## 4,000-YEAR-OLD RIDDLE

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## Initial Survey For Minerals

Melbourne, Nov. 5.  
A permanent base on the ice-clad Antarctic will be established by an official Australian expedition next January.

Australia has already staked a claim to a segment radiating from the South Pole and covering almost one quarter of the known land mass. And the expedition will take possession.

The nine men, including geologists, meteorologists and a doctor, will live in the land where Scott died to establish ownership under international law. But the act of halting a flag was not enough.

Unlike the Arctic leopards, formed of floating ice and snow, the Southern Continent is frozen land. Nobody knows yet what wealth may lie under the depths of ice. But the nations are taking no chances and Australia is staking a Commonwealth claim.

Geologists suggest there may at least be coal there, for the land was once covered by tropical forest. Geophysicists, knowing that uranium occurs in Australia, believe it might also be found on the Southern Continent.

The first expedition, leaving Australia on January 9, will only make initial surveys. Later two geophysicists will continue the work of the first expedition.

The last station manned in Antarctica was that of Sir Douglas Mawson, 1911-1914.—Express Service.

## Wants Revision Of Air Pact

New Delhi, Nov. 12.  
India has notified the United States that it desires to bring her air agreement into line with those of other countries.

The agreement has been disputed between the two countries for several months and usually reliable sources say the Indian Cabinet will discuss it this week.

The agreement allows United States airline companies to operate an unlimited number of services through India.

It has more favourable terms than agreements with other countries, who are restricted to a set number of services every week.

Observers believe India wants to give better opportunities to her own nationalized airline, which so far operates only from Europe, but next year will start a Tokyo service.—China Mail Special.

## Want No Publicity

Kuala Lumpur, Nov. 12.  
Kuala Lumpur money lenders protested against a Government ruling that they must display licensed signboards outside their offices.

They say such signboards would drive away customers who are at the best of times reluctant to be seen entering their premises.—China Mail Special.

## NEARLY SOLVED BY DEAF MUTE

Athens, Nov. 12.  
A deaf and dumb scholar named Nicholas Boufides, using methods of his own devising, has so far come nearer than anyone else to solving the 4,000-year-old riddle of the Cretan-Minoan culture.

The riddle is the unknown hieroglyphic script on the numerous clay tablets found in the palace of King Minos at Knossos on Crete.

To the man who discovers the key to that script will go the ability to fill a great gap in history—the story of the Minoan civilisation and possibly also more details of the catastrophe which ended it.

For over 50 years, since its discovery by Sir Arthur Evans in 1900, this script has defied all attempts to read it. Archaeologists, scientists, scholars and all sorts of experts have used every known means to interpret it, including the frequency tables of army intelligence code-breaking systems.

Today, although the riddle is nearer to solution, the key still eludes the searchers. And the man who so far has come nearest to the goal is the 37-year-old, deaf and dumb scholar of the Athens Archaeological Museum.

**LIFE DEVOTED**  
Working independently, Nicholas Boufides has devoted his life to decoding the Minoan script, bringing to bear upon it the whole range of his expert knowledge of Egyptian and ancient Asiatic cultures and languages. He still hopes, by a combination of ancient Cypriot, Phoenician and ancient Greek to find a way to read the Minoan script.

But, he confided in his sign language of the hands, "what would really be a godsend in our search would be the discovery of another two or three long-lost tablets like the Rosetta Stone which was found by a French sergeant during the Napoleonic campaign in Egypt, and which later enabled the French archaeologist, Jean Champollion, to read Egyptian hieroglyphics."

Today, however, as experts and amateurs work steadily on the various pieces of the puzzle do seem to be taking concrete shape.

**HOPE RISING**  
Hope is again rising that, in the not too distant future, the tablets will give up the secrets of the Minoan way of life.

Potteries and wall paintings in the palace and other buildings uncovered at Knossos have told something of the story. These depict a people in whose life beauty played a major role and who had apparently reached such a high level of material civilisation that they could afford all the luxuries of a leisured life.

Women's dress and headgear surpassed in fantasy even the most daring Paris fashions of today. Buildings reached a high level of architectural and artistic development.

All this splendour, however, was suddenly interrupted by a catastrophe. Sir Arthur Evans found signs of a disaster similar to that which overtook Pompeii at the eruption of Vesuvius, and was led to believe that an earthquake had taken place.

The sudden catastrophe seems to have cut through the thread of history, which was later taken up again on the Greek mainland. But of the great Minoan culture not a trace remained, except silent ruins.

**MERE GUESSWORK**  
What were the Cretans of the Minoan age? What was their origin and language? What were their customs and the foundations of their highly developed civilisation? These are the questions that are still asking today. The answers so far are mere guesses, work and conjecture drawn

## London Stock Exchange A "Bull Market"

By Sydney S. Campell, Reuter's Financial Editor

When the London Stock Exchange opens its "Public Gallery" on November 16—after discussing the matter for a mere 70 years or so—the public is likely to have something to see.

Throughout this year, London has been rising, even when Wall Street was falling. It has been a "bull market" ever since it snapped out of the break which followed the electoral victory of Churchill and the Conservatives in October 1951.

The market liked the Conservative Government, but there was a balance of payments crisis and the medicines for it were bitter while the Government was administering them. As they have proved efficacious, the market, like the economy, has responded favourably.

Wall Street has had the opportunity to experience it. It briefly boomed when the election last November returned an Administration after its heart's desire. Since January it is deemed to have been a bear market, though a very shallow one. Having gone sideways during the boom, Wall Street can afford to go sideways during the aftermath. Viewed broadly, it is doing so.

But London has been casting off the "repressions" and inhibitions of several dreary years. Here are some of the reasons why market has been doing so well.

It was too low previously. Depressed by recurrent crises and by "restraints" on profits and on dividends, British industrial shares were about the cheapest capital assets in the world. Even after this year's rise, they are still at only about 130 per cent of their 1935 level, though the change in the value of money has raised most other values to more than 300 per cent of their 1935 level. Speculation as to the individual risks has been, the market is now seen as a whole, as justifying itself to the post-war value of money.

2. Shares were selling at far below their real asset values. From the beginning of this year, ingenious people have been finding ways to "unlock" the capital values of some companies by buying them out. This has applied particularly to those companies which have valuable real estate. Directors, fearing that their businesses to control of outside bidders, have been more generous with dividends. In other cases, a better political atmosphere has enabled higher dividends. It has come to be recognised, almost as a temporary matter, that the economy desperately needs risk capital, and that it will not be attracted unless it is deemed to be worthy of its hire.

**RECORDS BROKEN**  
3. After Chamberlain's budget of last spring, business has been recovering from the recession which the United States did not have. Industrial production in Britain this autumn has risen to the highest on record.

4. The "odd year crisis" which bedevilled 1947, 1948 and 1951, broke the sequence and did not arrive in 1953. In those years, it was in September, which was the month of sterling's devaluation in 1931. In September of this year the Bank of England broke the spell. In the face of the seasonal pressure on sterling and of some unexpected developments in prices of rubber and some other sterling commodities, the Bank demonstrated and inspired confidence by lowering the bank rate. Moreover this aroused hopes that the next change in bank rate would be a further drop.

5. Previously the market had dire forebodings about the effect of the offer of denationalised steel shares. Now that the first such operation is in progress, it is likely to be a roaring success. Over-subscription and a premium are confidently expected. The offer has been expertly handled.

**NOT MIND**  
There may be more uncertainties in the outlook than the market supports. If bank rate were cut again, it might be in dramatic fashion. It would justify little, really.

Positives, however, are that the market may be booming again because the Chamberlain has been too generous to home consumption, potentially at the expense of exports, and that if this continued it might bring about a balance of "pay" crisis.

One may suppose, however, that the Chamberlain and eleven other market have not been blind to this possibility but have decided on a "policy" of calculated risk, that it is a mistake to take an economy whose main need was more steel could

not be given it, merely by a policy of austerity and industrial repression of the home market.

There is also the point that an adequate home market is the best foundation for many types of exports. It would be hard to find any specific case where the home market has pre-empted goods which export markets wanted.

The Chancellor's underlying case is that, where production capacity is adequate for both the home market and for all the exports that can be sold, repression of the home market would be senseless and would merely cause unemployment. So politically convenient an argument may not be wholly convincing and in the longer run there may be some dangers. But, for the present, the London Bridge is staying up.—Reuter.

## Tea Barter Deal?

Calcutta, Nov. 12.  
A Russian trade agent here would not confirm London rumours that Russia was entering into a barter deal with India involving a substantial poundage of tea.—Reuter.

## Cheerful Mood In Wall St.

New York, Nov. 12.  
Stocks resumed their upward move after a two-day interruption with all share and commodity figures in the advance.

While there was nothing new in the news to bolster stocks, analysts said the market was "in a mood of optimism" because of a number of factors. These included the third quarter earnings and dividends, an easier money policy, tax relief ahead and a growing idea that the much talked about business recession will be milder than feared.—United Press.

## The Rubber Markets

Singapore, Nov. 12.  
The market fluctuated all day and closed slightly steeper. Prices:  
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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### Mary Goes Home

LONDONERS may grumble about London, but if you have lived all your life 250 miles to the north of Piccadilly Circus and are still young, London seems a city possessed of the utmost magic.

So Mary felt, who until she was 18 lived with her widowed mother and younger sister in a grey, bleak town 250 miles from here. Mary was 18 last January, that same month she came to London.

In the North she had worked as a factory hand. When she came to London, she got a job as a typist. It was a technically London, of course. Within a bus ride of the bright lights, that spelt adventure, glamour, somehow, perhaps, a fortune her mother and sister could share.

**MOVING WEST**

THE pay was £4 a week, and Mary lived-in at the public-house where she worked, so she was able to send small sums of money home to reassure her family that she was holding her own in the big, exciting, fiercely competitive city.

After a few months she left Hackney. She became a barmaid in a busy West End tavern. Now, indeed, she seemed to have travelled a long way from her drab home town.

But Mary, like most people from the North, was not easily blinded by the bright lights. She kept her feet on the ground, and when it seemed to her that the West End public-house where she worked provided poor meals for its staff, she told the manager her views.

**'YOU'D BETTER GO'**

"NO one'd call me fussy, but you're starving us, that's what," Mary said to the manager, the other day.

"If that's how you feel," he said, "you'd better go."

Mary worked out her week's notice and went.

She wandered around the West End, looking for other jobs, and stayed the first night of her freedom in a Bloomsbury hotel. After she had paid the bill there, she had 14s. left. And she still had no job.

She resumed the search, and in the course of it wandered into an Oxford Street store, where she stole a black jumper, and was caught in the act.

**NEVER AGAIN**

AT Great Marlborough Street next morning, Mary, a pretty, dark-haired girl, pleaded guilty to the theft. "I'm sorry," she said, when the story had been told to Mr. Paul Bennett, V.C. the magistrate. "I've never stolen before, I'll not steal again." Her voice was rasping, her accent undisguisedly regional, her tone forthright.

Mr. Bennett put back the case and instructed Mary to talk to Mrs. Gray, the probation officer. Later in the morning, the girl from the North was brought back.

"Her mother's a widow who goes out to work, her sister's 14," said Mrs. Gray. "This girl says now she would like to go home."

**PRESTIGE**

"I EXPECT your mother will be glad to have you back," said the magistrate to Mary. He discharged her absolutely, and instructed that she should be seen on to a train to the North that afternoon.

Going from the dock, Mary glanced towards the jumper she had stolen. She would have given the world, I think, to take it back to the North with her. Sending so much money home, as she had, to her mother, she had not been able to buy clothes for herself in London.

And in towns like the one where she lived, something bought here becomes on its wear enormous prestige, even though the same article may quite easily be had locally. To go back empty-handed was to admit defeat.

**Famous Japanese Architect Dies**

Tokyo, Nov. 13. Dr. Kōzō Sasaki, a member of the Royal Architects Society of Britain, died yesterday, aged 83. He was a member of the Kyoto News Agency reported today.

The former President of the Japan Architects Society designed the Marunouchi, Mitsubishi Bank and other well-known buildings in Tokyo.—Reuters.

## Resumption Of Evacuation From Burma Likely

United Nations, Nov. 12. Reports that the evacuation of Chinese forces from Burma may be resumed within "24 to 48 hours" were received here today.

A source in touch with the Joint Military Committee supervising the airlift of the guerrillas to Formosa told the United Press the outlook could be described as "hopeful".

United Nations sources made no attempt, however, to minimise the seriousness of the breakdown in the evacuation. They said that even though the airlift were resumed, the success of the operation would not be guaranteed.

Evacuation of the long-disputed forces from Burma began last Saturday and ended on Sunday after only 204 Chinese had been flown to Formosa. The Joint Military Committee, composed of the United States, Nationalist China and Thailand, had been expected to take out about 2,000 of the guerrillas from the civil war in China.

The main reasons for the breakdown were Burma's refusal to allow the evacuation of 38 guerrillas on the grounds that they were Burmese rather than Chinese and the fact that none of them had been handed over weapons to the Military Committee.

As to the first reason, Burma so far has insisted it will allow only Chinese to be sent to Formosa. It was understood here that the Military Committee was trying to persuade Burma to change its attitude on this point. It was pointed out that the guerrilla forces had made the choice themselves and their return to Burma could in no way benefit the Burmese. As to the other reason, the Military Committee was said to be insisting that all evacuees give up their firearms at the Burmese-Thai border. It was learned this insistence was being put to the Chinese Command in Burma in strong terms. Otherwise, the success of the entire operation could be in jeopardy.

One hindrance to the operation, it was reported, has been Burma's extreme scepticism about the Chinese Nationalists' sincerity in good faith.—United Press.

## More Hopeful Sign

Panmunjom, Nov. 13. Allied observers detected a hopeful sign today in the so far fruitless attempts to arrange a Korean peace conference. They believed that the negotiators may be near a compromise which would bring the long overdue parley one step closer.

The hope was slim, these observers admitted, but it was the first optimism since the talks to arrange the peace conference went behind closed doors five days ago.

Informants near the negotiations based their hope for a possible break in the United Nations-Communist deadlock on the fact that the UN has not broken secrecy on the discussions.

A UN spokesman said earlier that the secrecy would be ended after the middle of this week if no progress had been made.

Observers felt there was reason to believe that UN and Communist staff officers who are attempting to end the stalemate may report back to Allied and Communist diplomats early next week with a solution.

The deadlock resulted when the UN refused to discuss the first order-of-business listed by the Communists—a decision on whether neutral nations will attend the peace parley. At the same time, the Reds firmly opposed starting the talks on the UN's proposal to settle first the time and place of the conference.

The staff officers will meet at 11 a.m. today but probably will not meet on Saturday. The UN negotiators will be tied up that day with Vice-President Richard M. Nixon's visit to Panmunjom, United Press.

## HOLY LAND BORDER INCIDENTS

Amman, Nov. 12. One Jewish soldier was killed by Arab legionaries today, when 11 Jewish citizens crossed the Jordan-Israel border. The Jordanian authorities said that the three Jews were killed. The three Jews were away, leaving the eight women behind them.

The Jordanian authorities have requested the United Nations truce observers to investigate the case of the eight Jewish women, and to make the necessary arrangements for their immediate return to Israel tonight, the communicate added.—France-Press.

**KIDNAPPING**

Tel-Aviv, Nov. 13. Jordanian soldiers yesterday kidnapped an Israeli watchman, eight Israeli-Arab women and two children, taking them over to the border of Jordan. In an attack on the Israeli village of Beidza, in the Jerusalem area, it was announced here last night.

The watchman and one woman was said to be seriously wounded.

The Israeli authorities immediately demanded the release of the kidnapped and an urgent meeting of the Mixed Armistice Commission.

Unconfirmed reports said the watchman and the two Arab women and children were already released by Jordan.—France-Press.

## Third Camp Established

Kathmandu, Nov. 13. The seven-man Japanese expedition to Annapurna Two Peak (26,341 feet) had established the third camp on the mountain in last week of October, according to the latest dispatch from the expedition received here yesterday.

A source in regular contact with the expedition said the leader of the expedition, Dr. T. Imamura, wrote on October 21 from the Camp Two that the third camp was established at 6,500 metres, and a first attempt on the peak was planned for November 3 or 4.

"We have negotiated technically the most difficult stage of the climb between the Camp Two and Three, and we want the weather to hold fair now," Mr. Imamura wrote.

It also wrote that the expedition hoped to be back at the base on November 10 and reach Pokhara Valley in Western Nepal on November 24 or 25.

From Pokhara, Mr. Imamura hoped to reach Calcutta via Nainital and thence proceed to Calcutta.

Three members of the expedition, including Mr. Imamura, expected to visit Kathmandu from Calcutta before returning to Japan.—China Mail Special.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"But gosh, Mom, that's what Dad says every time a window sticks or a twig gets caught in the mower!"

## Full Court To Hear Application

The application for extension of bail pending an appeal in respect of Sub-Inspector Dennis Edward Henry Ward, 25, who was given three months' hard labour for corruption by Judge J. Reynolds at the Victoria District Court yesterday, will be heard before a Full Court.

Ward was convicted of corruptly receiving \$320 from a village elder of Tap Man Village, Tai-po, on August 30, as a reward for forbearing to carry out Police duties in respect of certain opium dens.

The hearing of the application for extension of bail was originally fixed for hearing this morning at the District Court, but subsequent to yesterday's hearing, it was found that the District Court had no jurisdiction to hear such an application.

The accused, who was represented by Mr. R. W. S. Winter, instructed by Mr. R. E. Moore, was on a personal surety bond of \$3,000.

## Examination Dates Announced

It was announced in the Gazette today that examination for Certificates of Competency of Masters and Mates will be held in the Examination Room of the Marine Department, 102 Connaught Road Central, in 1954 on the weeks commencing Monday, January 25; Monday, February 22; Monday, March 22; Monday, April 26; Monday, May 24; Monday, June 21; Monday, July 19; Monday, August 16; Monday, September 13; Monday, October 18; Monday, November 8, and Monday, December 6.

Prospective candidates should make their application in person on the week of examination.

Examinations for 1st and 2nd Class Marine Engineers' Certificates of Competency will be held on the following dates during 1954, in the Examination Room of the Marine Department, 102 Connaught Road Central, Hongkong:

First Class Certificates.—Monday, February 8; Monday, April 12; Monday, June 14; Monday, July 12; Tuesday, October 12; and Monday, December 13.

Second Class Certificates.—Monday, January 4; Monday, March 1; Monday, May 3; Monday, July 5; Monday, September 6; and Monday, November 1.

Prospective candidates should make application in person at least one week prior to the date on which they wish to be examined. Those candidates in Mechanical Engineering or other qualifications on which exemption from some part of the examination may be claimed, must however, make application and submit all relevant documents at least one month prior to the examination date.

## Gave False Information

"It's a sad story" said Mr. K. Y. Yung at Central this morning. "It all started with having too many brothers, seven in all." Ng Kwong-lun, was given away at the age of two, because his family could not support seven sons. Ng then took on his adopted parents' name, and discarded that of his natural parents, Choi Tin-yun, Mr. Yung said.

When Ng came to the Colony he registered as Ng Kwong-lun, but heard from his third brother in the United States, who was keen on his coming to the States to better his position. So Ng, ignorant of the realities of registration laws applied for another one in the name of Choi Tin-yun.

Ng was fined \$250 for giving false information to the Registrar of Persons office, and \$250 for obtaining more than one identity card by Mr. Hin-shing Lo.

Mr. Lo remarked that Ng must reconcile himself to staying in the Colony with one identity card only.

Ng was on \$1,000 bail.

## Communist Cell Uncovered

Khartoum, Nov. 12. Police arrested two people at Omdurman today when they raided a house and uncovered what they considered the biggest Communist cell operating in the Sudan.

The police investigation continued throughout the day following the discovery of duplicating machines and typewriters.

Thousands of copies of an alleged Communist underground magazine called "Ellawa Elah-mar" called "Red Banner" were seized at the house.—Reuters.

## SOLOMON'S PLAYING A JOY

Solomon gave the first of two recitals at the Empire Theatre last night in the presence of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Grantham.

It is of great delight to have a visit from such a distinguished performer, and music lovers turned out in force to show their appreciation and pleasure, proving the popularity of concert of this type in the Colony.

Solomon's playing is a joy. Not only has he the technique, the skill and the agility necessary to achieve his status, but he has a singular beauty of touch, an emotion and a sympathy "not always to be found among the top rankers."

This seemed to me to be particularly noticeable in the selections chosen from Debussy's work. These included the descriptive Volles—played as it was with remarkable tenderness and fluidity, the humorous Minstrel and the charming Fille Aux Choux de Lis. To my this last item, crisp and singing, appeared to be the gem of the collection, though to my ears Scarlatti's Sonata in F Major gave the greatest pleasure.

The rest of the carefully constructed programme was made up of two Bach Preludes and Fugues; Beethoven's Sonata No. 21 in C Major—the "Waldstein", a powerful work demanding great virtuosity; Schumann's Carnaval—of which Partita et Columbine is probably the best known excerpt, and the Mephisto Waltz by Liszt.

The audience insisted on four encores, the last of which was a little piece of astonishingly sparkling delicacy, rapturously received by the listeners.

Four great composers will be represented on Saturday's programme: Haydn, Chopin—his Sonata in B Minor which includes the well-known Funeral March, more Debussy (La Cathédrale Anglaise) and Beethoven's magnificent Sonata in C Minor.—MARGARET BRUCE.

## Hongkong Border Incident Communist Requests Asylum

A Chinese Communist Public Security official, wearing the usual green uniform of a Private First Class, dashed across the Lowu border from Chinese territory and was granted political asylum in the British section at 10.30 a.m. yesterday, according to a Senior Police officer.

He was about 30 years of age and was from Kiangsi Province. The man threw away his military cap and shouted at the soldiers on duty at the border "Follow me." He then dashed across the frontier into British territory.

The man with several ribbons above his breast pocket, mixed with the crowd but was identified by the Police, and he subsequently asked for asylum.

He was then taken to the Lowu Police Station.

According to the Police, the soldier of the Chinese side of the border refrained from firing at the man.

## Mail Notices

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

By Air

Japan, U.S.A. & Canada, 6 p.m.  
London, 6 p.m.  
North Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 8 p.m.  
By Surface

North Borneo, 3 p.m.  
Ceylon, Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, 5 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

By Air

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. and Canada, 6 p.m.  
Burma, India, Ceylon, Malaysia, 8 a.m.  
Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 9 a.m.

By Surface

Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m.  
Japan, U.S.A. and Canada, 6 p.m.  
China, People's Republic, 6.30 a.m.  
Japan, Noon.  
Malaya, Pakistan, 1 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.  
Indonesia, 9 p.m.  
China, People's Republic, 5 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

By Air

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.  
By Surface

Macao, 3 p.m.

## Consular Appointments

The Gazette today announced that the Queen's Executive empowering Senor Don Fernando J. Tauri to act as Argentine Consul-General in London with general jurisdiction including Hongkong received Her Majesty's signature on September 23.

It was also notified that H.E. the Governor has recognized, provisionally and pending instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. R. Schemm as Vice-Consul for Indonesia at Hongkong, and Dr. F. W. Handke as Vice-Consul for the Federal Republic of Germany at Hongkong.

## Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.55. "Contact." A Radio Magazine for the Rising Generation with News, Views, Interviews, Stories and Music. Produced by Rosemary Richards (Studio); 8.30. Old Time Ballroom with Sydney Thompson and his Orch. (BBCTS); 9.55. Weather Report; 10. Time Signal, World News and United Nations Report (London Relay); 11.15. Talking about Hongkong by Dr. S.C. Davis and Rep. Walter T. J. Ryan (Recorded); 12.30. Songs from the Shows (BBCTS); 1. Do you remember the South in the Series of Programmes to celebrate the 1st Anniversary of the B.I.C. Empire Services (Recorded London Relay); 2.30. State Recorder: "The Merry Vienna" Songs by Hilda Guden (Studio); 3.45. Looking Back (Studio); 4. Time Signal, Music and News; 5.30. Chemical Requests presented by Cuddihams (Studio); 10. Dylan Thomas—An appreciation by Timothy Birch, 10.15. Boulevard Cafe, 10.30. Record: "The Merry Vienna" Songs by Hilda Guden (Studio); 11.15. Goodnight Music: Good Bye, The Queen; 11.30. Close Down.

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